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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:



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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response. Kindly amend the claims as follows.